

Human Trafficking Task Force, Subcommittee on Education and Training

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 27, 2012, 10:00 AM
Boston Police Headquarters

Attending: Lisa Goldblatt Grace, Jennifer Franco (MDAA), Donna Gavin (BPD HTU), Pi Heseltine (MSP), Nancy Leedberg (Brockton PD), Kelly Nee (BPD), and Chip Yeaton (Canton PD).

For the Attorney General's Office: Ann Meola

I. Call to order

Co-chair Grace called to order the regular meeting of the Human Trafficking Task Force, Subcommittee on Education and Training at 10:10 on November 27, 2012 at the Boston Police Department.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the October 18, 2012 were approved as submitted.

III. Action Regarding the Scheduled Presentation to the Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force

Co-chair Grace reported that the subcommittee's report to the Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force originally scheduled for the January 24, 2013 meeting has been changed to the March 2013 meeting.

IV. Timelines and Requested Subcommittee Workplans

Co-chair Ellen Lemire and subcommittee member Pi Heseltine reported on the request for all subcommittee chairs to submit updated working plans for their subcommittee. The Education & Training Subcommittee will need to provide an outline of work to be completed on each tenet and a one page summary of the group's current recommendations and workplan. The group discussed the proposed timeline for the subcommittee work (see attached). Members Heseltine and Lemire will prepare the one page summary for submission with the timeline by the December 17, 2012 due date. Copies will be available for all members at the next meeting.

V. Working with Social Services

Subcommittee is scheduled to present to the Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force at their next scheduled meeting in March 2013. The presentation topic is the focus on Health & Human Services as to: "... **recommendations for programs and training opportunities for law enforcement and social service providers** including but not limited to, methods used to identify human trafficking victims

including preliminary interviewing and questioning techniques, methods of protecting the special needs of women and child human trafficking victims, developments in state and federal laws regarding human trafficking.”

Members discussed the topics of be addressed within this tenet: 1) who should be trained within social services; 2) when to capture the greatest audience for these trainings; 3) what should be the content; and 4) how to mandate the trainings to ensure that the greatest scope of social service groups and entities receive the training.

The subcommittee recognized that state agencies that work with children and adolescents (which includes but is not limited to DCF, DYS, DMH, DDS) and medical providers within social service agencies should receive the first level of training. In addition, community based NGO's, shelters, housing programs, DTA, and child/youth service groups should be included in these training programs, as well.

Discussion followed on training faith based communities. The group decided that training should be made available to these community base programs that are involved in providing services or support to possible victims/survivors of human trafficking.

Members noted that by training these groups on this issue, we need to ensure that this information is incorporated in the law enforcement trainings, as well. With minors, 51A reports will need to continue to be made on these cases but it is important to remember that when working with adults, it is important to recognize the victims/survivors right to self-determination on the supports and assistance they accept. The members also discussed how Lamb warnings and CHINS (now FACES) will need to be addressed in the trainings to social service providers.

Finally, there was a discussion about the labor aspects of human trafficking and the need to include various aspects in the training recommendations to ensure these topics are also covered. Subject matter experts will be invited to the next meeting of the subcommittee to further explore these issues and their intersection with the training.

VI. Adjournment

Lisa Goldblatt-Grace adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The next scheduled meeting date is Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 10:15 a.m. at the Boston Police Department.

Minutes submitted by: Ann Meola